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#### AFFAIRS JUST DRIFTING

Japanese Governm ut Awaits Russia's Reply With Intense Anxiety.

WILL BE WAR OR PEACE V RY SOON.

No Dispatches Have Been Received in Was' -Ington in the Last Few Days Either frem the Foreiga Office or the American Embassy at London Throw og Mich Additional Light on the Stustion.

Washington, D. C. (Special).-Unitthe State Department from Tokyo that luxury," said the Professor. "They have there has been no change in the situa-tion there relative to the Russian netion there relative to the Russian negotiations. Intense interest is exhibited, but the Japanese are awaiting with patience for the decision of Russia.

Although he called for another purpose, Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, had an informal talk with The Latest Happenings Condensed for Mr. Loomis, the acting secretary of State, about affairs in the far East. No dispatches have been received here in the last few days either from the foreign office or the American embassy at London throwing much additional light on the situation, but it is known that the Japanese government is awaiting the arrival of the Russian reply with "intense

The British ambassadors throughout the far Eastern negotiations has been closely advised on both sides of the question.

St. Petersburg.-The necessity of an exchange of views between Russia and the other powers interested regarding the application of their rights in Manchuria, "so as to avoid misunderstandings and harmonize the interests of Russia and the other powers in that prov ince," is emphasized in Russ.

This paper says it learns authoritatively that the announcement that Russia has recognized the inviolability of the rights acquired by foreign powers in Manchuria under existing treaties has no connection with the ratification of the commercial treaty between the United States and China or the Japanese-Chinese treaty. The Russ also denies that Russia has give her assent to the ratification of these treaties, "because, as China is not a vassal to the state, she has periect liberty to conclude any

"Nevertheless." adds the Russ, "foreign powers must take into account the Russian occupation of Manchuria, which, although it does not eliminate the authority of the Chinese government, places certain restrictions on the exercise of that authority which can-not escape the notice of foreign representatives who wish to enter into relations with the Chinese administration of that province.'

London.-There is no confirmation here of the reports that Japan has occu-nied Masampho. Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, not only discredited them, but said that the Japanese government had previously decided not to take any half measures, or any steps which could be construed as being prejudicial to the negotiations, so long as they are

When Japan decides to take action. he added, "she will announce it frankly

to Russia and the rest of the world." According to Baron Hayashi, the situation is unchanged. He continues to take the glo siest view of the situates of 60 persons.

#### Beating the Deatl: Trust.

Chicago (Special).—The end of the "death trust" is in sight, according to a statement made by Secretary Pritchard, of the City Health Department. Mr. Pritchard announced that within 48 hours the medical profession of Chicago will be supplied with antitoxin serum at a premium far below that of the alleged trust's prices. What the sources are from which the Health Department expects to secure the supply Secretary Pritchard was not prepared to say, but every effort is being made to frustrate the attempt of the three antitoxin manufacturing firms to form a monopoly at the expense of human life.

#### Boodlers to the Bar.

Kansas City (Special).-The grand jury which for the past month has been investigating charges of boodling in Kansas City, Kan., in connection with the Board of Education in the appointment of teachers and the awarding of school contracts, and the city officials in the protection of gambling and illicit saloons, practically finished its work and, it is said, has decided to return 17 indictments. Although the citizens committee which was formed some time ago to push the investigation urged the grand jury to continue its work, Attorney General Coleman, who has had charge of the jury, declined.

#### Arrests Follow a Hold-Up.

Jacksonville, Fla. (Special).-S. A. Petty and M. Petty, charged with holding up and dynamiting the Seaboard Air Line passenger train at Sanderson on January 17, have been captured. When possession. They have been identified by the engineer and have the engineer and baggageman. The United States authorities will charge them with firing into a mail coach and jeopardizing the life of the mail agent.

#### To Vaccinate Caives.

Berlin (By Cable )-Every calf in Germany will be vaccinated upon reaching its third month with specially prepared tuberculosis bacilli, taken from man beings, if the proposals of Prof. Behring are accepted.

#### School Teacher Murdered.

Bedford, Ind. (Special).-The body of Miss Sarah Schaefer, teacher of Latin in the Bedford High School, was found in a carriage house. She had been assaulted and robbed and the body badly mutilated. The appearance of the shed indicated a terrific struggle. Miss Schaeier came here from Elkhart. Ind., a year ago and was much admired. There was much excitement over the nurder and bloodhounds will be put on the scent

SMALL BIRTH RATE; HIGH LIVING. Ch'cago Professor Blames Love of Luxury

for Many Small Families. Chicago (Special) .- To the high standard of living today is the alarming decrease in the birth rate in the United tates was the declaration of Prof. H. I. Davenport, professor of sociology at

the University of Chicago.
In speaking to a class Professor
Davenport said the American birth rate would soon be almost nothing as compared with that of European nations, the present luxury of home life is kept

up or increased. Americans will not have children if

#### NEWS IN SHORT ORDER

Rapid Reading.

Dr. Ashbel P. Grinnell, of the University of Vermont, secured a verdict for \$12,500 damages against Edwin Weston in New York, who had him arrested as a swindler. Seventeen indictments were found by

the grand jury that investigated the charges of boodling in Kansas City. Charles Bonier was sentenced in Buffalo to be electrocuted during the week

beginning February 29.
Ned H. Fowler, leading man of the Empire Theater Stock Company, committed suicide in Columbus, O.

Harry Landon, arrested in South

Norwalk, Ct., for passing counterfeit

com, committed suicide.
Vincenzo Roccho, an Italian contrac-tor, was shot and killed in New York by Marco Trebi.

Bishop Thomas Underwood Dudley, of Louisville, died of heart disease. A fine specimen of Icthyosaurus was ound in South America.

Three men are dead, three will probably die and seven others were seriously injured as the result of the explosion at the Cambria Steel Company's plant at Johnstown, Pa. Former Judge Alfred Hugg, the Nes-

tor of Camden county bar, was accidentally asphyxiated in his bedroom in Camden, N. J., by the fumes escaping from a gas stove. Ex-Alderman James O. McCool and ex-City Clerk Isaac F. Lenoreaux, accused in Grand Rapids, Mich., of accept-

ing bribes, changed their pleas of not guilty to guilty. The cyanide mill of the United States Reduction and Refining Company, north of Florence, Col., the largest in the world, was destroyed by fire. Loss

The stock warehouses of the Shelby Tube Steel Company at Shelby, O., were destroyed by fire.

#### I creign.

The third anniversary of the death Victoria was observed in called into use. Queen England, the King and the Queen and other members of the royal family attending memorial services. Emperor William attended a memorial service at the English Church in Berlin and unveiled tablets in memory of Queen Vic toria and the late Empress Frederick.

The expulsion from France of an Alsatian priest has revived the animosities growing out of the Franco-Prus-War, and a pro-Alsatian demon

The Sultan of Turkey ordered that general amnesty be granted the Bulgarians and Macedonians who have been imprisoned for participation in the dis-

turbances of last summer.

The chief of the bacteriological labo ratory of the Russian Imperial Insti-tute of Experimental Medicine died at

Fort Alexander from the plague. The Middle European Economic So ciety was formally organized in Berlin to wage commercial war on America.

Secretary of State Gromon was wounded in the right hand in a duel near Budapest. Lieut. Prince Prosper von Arenberg

of Germany, who was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment for the murder of a native suspected of being a British spy while engaged in the colonial service in German Southwest Africa, has been granted a new trial, it being doubtful whether he is sane.

The British Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a speech at a banquet, said the Somaliland campaign had proved more costly than anticipated and that he was afraid he would not be able to propose to Parliament a remission of taxa-

with the Mad Mullah's forces near Eilinaade, killing 50 spearmen.

#### The Far East.

Japanese railway men have been attacked by Koreans along the Seoul-Fu-san Railway, and the Korean authori-ties have been notified that if the disorders are not stopped Japanese troops will be sent for that purpose.

The answer of Russia to Japan's latest note will, it is said, be dispatched in two days, and the Russian view, as made known in Paris, is that the real issue is sanity. Erier, who was arrested after the maintenance of white supremacy in writing a long rambling letter to Police

The United States government quietly made inquiries of the foreign powers with a view to learning whether anything could be done to bring Japan and Russia together, but the principals were It is reported that the Dowager Em-

press of China is determined, if necessary to fight for the freedom of Manchuria from foreign control.

A Russian squadron, including battle ship, a cruiser and six torpedo-boat destroyers, sailed from Suez for the Far

### Financial.

Pig lead was advanced \$2 a ton. Nearly all the professionals are bulls. Coffee, sugar, cotton, wheat and tocks are all moving upward.

European capitalists were induced to buy securities on the more hopeful outlook in the far East. Amalgamated Copper directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of

one-half of 1 per cent. The Southern Pacific has sold \$8,000. 000 of its 41/2 per cent. bonds at 98 to struggled desperately for a time to reach two large banking houses.

# PANIC IN A SKYSCRAPER

Exciting Fire and Miraculous Escapes

in Masonic Temple.

MANY P RSONS INJURED IN RUSH. All Occupan's of the Big Building Escape Without Serions lejury Through the Brav. ery of the E'evator Men, Who Remained at

Dense Clouds of Smoke Filled the Building. Chicago, Ill. (Special) .- Fire in the Masonic Temple here caused a panic among the 4,000 occupants of the building and damaged the stock and fixtures

Their Posts, Operating the Cars While

of tenants to the extent of \$20,000. All occupants of the building escaped without serious injury through the bravery of the elevator men, who remained at their posts, operating their cars while dense clouds of smoke filled the building. The fire broke out in the suite of five rooms on the fifth floor occupied by Robert Friedlander & Co., manufacturers of X-ray apparatus.

A lighted match carelessly thrown by an employe into a pile of excelsior lying in a corner of the packing room is believed to have started the fire.

There was a large number of X-ray vacuum tubes stored in the company's rooms and these exploded the moment the heat reached them. Robert Friedlander, senior member of the firm, realized the danger from these tubes and worked until overcome by smoke throwing them out of the window. The fire spread rapidly from the packing room to the other rooms and in a few min-utes the entire suite was in flames and the light snaft of the building was filled

The occupants of the building, with the memory of the Iroquois Theater holocaust, which occurred but one-half square away, fresh in their minds, were alarmed when clouds of smoke filled every floor and rushed to the elevators. Many women fainted in the scramble to get into the elevators, but none were seriously injured. The large building was emptied within half an hour after the fire was discovered. Hundreds of men and women groped their way through the smoke and came down the

That the damage to property and iniury to individuals was not greater was probably due largely to the efficiency of the fire drill of the employes. When the great bell at the top of the rotunda sounded the alarm of fire every janitor, engineer and fireman in the building responded and large before the fire december of the control of the control of the fire december of the fire sponded, and long before the fire de-partment had reached the scene the Temple Fire Brigade had attached hose to the standpipes, which extend from the basement to the roof of the structure. and eight streams of water were turned upon the conflagration by the volunteer

The fire department used but little of its hose, the building equipment being

#### KILLED IN HOTEL WRECK.

#### Natural Gas Causes Explosion and Death of Three People.

Marion, Ind. (Special).-In an explosion which wrecked the Seitz Hotel, three people were killed, two fatally hurt and ten seriously injured.

The injured were all guests of the hotel. The explosion is credited to natural gas, which escaped into the basement from a pipe line running near the hotel.

The building was a two-story brick having five business rooms on the first floor, the hotel occupying the second floor and having about 30 guests.

The outer walls were blown out, the second floor falling on the first with the roof on it. The guests were under the wreck, which at once ignited. They were asleep in their rooms when the explosion occurred.

Rescuers had great difficulty in taking the injured from the wreck. could not be shut off and fed the fire, which continued to gain headway.

#### TRAINS COLLIDE ON CURVE. Freight Cars or the Pennsylvania Wrecked-Takes Fire.

Altoona, Pa. (Special).-An eastbound freight train collided head-on with a westbound freight at the Horseshoe Curve on the Pennsylvania Railroad and as a result two engines, a cab and 11 cars were wrecked. The wreck-Kenna's Somali Infantry had a brush age at once took fire and burned fiercely A hurry call was sent to this city, and a fire engine of the city department has gone to the scene.

#### Eade H'm Kill the Pres'dent.

New York (Special).-E. A. Erier, a baker, who claimed that mystic influences were at work on him through the agency of his stomach, bidding him kill the President, was committed to Bellevue Hospital for examination as to his Commissioner McAdoo, greeted the officers as "deliverers from his bondage."

#### Pan Down a Schooner.

New York (Special).-Captain Nelson, of the supervisors' tug Lamont, reports at 7.30 the steamer Waccamaw, from Georgetown, S. C., while coming up the swash channel abreast the Romer ran down the fishing schooner Julia Graham, carrying away a part of the rigging and did other damage. The chooner was picked up and towed to New York by the tug Ariosa.

#### Five Men lojured.

Sharon, Pa. (Special). - Reports which have just reached here state that the Sharpsville bridge has been swept away and that four men went down with the bridge to death in the swirling waters. Victor Dunham and three foreigners are said to have been on the bridge when it fell. The current is very swift at that point and the four men the shore, but finally sank.

## IROQUOIS RESPONSIBILITY.

Manager Powers Biames the Tragedy on the Theatre Builders.

Chicago (Special).-Harry J. Powers, one of the "resident owners and associate managers" of the Iroquois Theater, took the stand as a witness before

the Coroner's Jury.

Mr. Powers said the Iroquois Theater had no fire apparatus e cause the house fireman, Sallers, had not ordered it, as was Saller's duty. He also placed re-sponsibility on the Fuller Construction Company, which, he said, was supposed to be constructing the building according

Manager W. J. Davis, when called to the stand, said that a few days before the theater opened he had talked with Building Commissioner Williams after the latter had inspected the theater, and said that Mr. Williams declared that it was the safest and most complete the-ater building he had ever seen.

### **LIVEWASHINGTON AFFAIRS**

Significant Action of Dr. Herran Colombian Charge.

Dirty Money May Be Abolished.

To abolish dirty money a hearing will be given by the House Banking Committee this week. No longer able to resist the demand of bankers throughout the country for clean bills, members of the House will make a strong endeavor to secure legislation at this ses-

sion abolishing the use of dirty money.

A bill has been introduced providing that when a bank has accumulated \$1000 in bills it can forward such bills to the Treasury for redemption. The Government is to pay the charges for shipment both ways.

Some time ago a bill was received from Cuba which was found full of microbes. Instances are numerous where the Treasury has received filthy money to be disinfected and later the office had to be disinfected.

#### Field Maneuvers Costly.

A request for an appropriation of \$1,245,366 for field maneuvers for 1905 and of \$1,255,446 for the same purpose for the fiscal year 1906 was transmitted to the House from the War Depart-

A communication from General Chaffee accompanies the request, in which he declares field maneuvers to be of great professional value. It is the general scheme, he says, to hold the ma-neuvers in two of the four military di-visions of the country each year. During the present year they are to be held in the Atlantic and Pacific divisions and in 1905 in the Northern and Southern divisions. It is also proposed to increase the number of troops participating to 40,000, from 10,000, and the time likewise to be lengthened.

#### To Probe Smoot Charge.

The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections decided to investigate the charges made against Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, in connection with the demand for his expulsion from the Senate and authorized Senator Julius C. Burrows (Rep., Mich.), chairman of the committee, to present a resolution in the Senate permitting the committee to send

for witnesses and documents. The committee did not attempt to decide at present how extensive the inquiry should be. Some of the members express the opinion that when the investigation is once entered upon it will be impossible to prevent opening the doors wide and going into all the points thoroughly. They agree it is wise to leave the extent of the work to be done to future developments.

#### Morgan's New Canal Bill.

Senator Morgan caused surprise by introducing a bill which specifically recognizes the independence of the Republic of Panama, provides for its annexation to the United States and for the construction of the waterway. His colleagues do not think Mr. Morgan would vote for his own bill, and attribute its introduction to a desire on the part of the Senator from Alabama to complicate the situation by giving the people of the new Republic to understand that the United States intends to annex it.

#### Pure Food Bill Passed.

The House passed the Hepburn purefood bill on a rising vote-201 to 68its opponents being unable to secure a

roll call on the bill. The bill fixes the standard of foods and drugs as to their purity, strength and character, and defines what shall be considered adulterations or misbranding of food and drugs. It also prohibits inter-State commerce, importation and exportation of such misbranded or adulterated articles.

#### Land for Every Citizen.

Representative Thayer, of Massachusetts, introduced, by request, an amendment to the Constitution providing that the lands of the United States shall be so divided as to give each citizen of the country eight acres, in as nearly a square piece as possible.

#### In the Departments.

The commission has selected the triangle at the junction of Pennsylvania avenue and Thirteenth streets, Northwest, for the statue of Pulaski, and one of the corners of Lafayette Square for that of Von Steuben. Chief Justice Fuller and Justice Har-

lan called on the President to complain. of the action of Major McCawley in giving the diplomats precedence over The Democratic senators at a con-

ference decided to introduce a resolution asking for the correspondence with Colombia. The Urgent Deficiency Appropriation

Bill, as compared by the House Com-

mittee, carries a total of \$1,251,308. Paris (By Cable).-The report of It has been practically determined that there will be no financial legislation at the present session of Congress. The House Committee on Rivers and Harbors decided that there should be no river and harbor appropriation bill at the present session of Congress, although a few surveys may be author-

Senator Foraker presented the credentials of Senator Hanna for the term

## LIVES LOST BY FLOOD

Thirty-Seven Killed and Many Hurt in Tornado.

Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Special).-The nost disastrous cyclone that ever swept over this section visited Moundville, Ala., a town of 300 inhabitants, 15 miles south of Tuscaloosa, at I o'clock

Twenty-eight persons were killed and more than 100 injured. Every business house in the town except a small drug

sons who were killed. E. P. Seymour, of Nashville, Tenn., who accepted a position as telegraph

last evening. A. H. Warren, of Birmingham, employed by the Alabama Grocery Com-

J. H. Redmond, of Nashville. Robert Powers, of Tuscaloosa. Miss Nettie Farley, of Tuscaloosa.

W. N. Miles, wife and six children. Albert Holstein, wife and three chil-

Five other negroes yet unidentified. The following is a partial list of the seriously injured:

Mrs. W. A. Grubbs, of Kentucky, dislocated hip.
R. T. Griffin, sprained back.

Mrs. Farley, face cut and ankle broken.

Surgeons were rushed to Moundville from Greensboro and Tuscaloosa.

By the force of the storm persons were blown hundreds of feet from their beds in the blackness of night. and thus far it is impossible to find arry other member of the family.

Bedding, carpets and wearing apparel are scattered for ten miles through what was a forest, but is now as clear as if it had been cut by the woodman's

Freight cars were torn to splinters, the trucks under them being hurled hundreds of feet from the track. The depot, the hotel, warehouses, cot-

were destroyed. Where they stood it is impossible to find even the pillars on which the buildings rested. Bales of cotton stored in warehouses were blown to atoms, the fragments of lint, together with the debris lodging in the trees, making it appear as if the

A young clerk employed by W. P. Phifer, hearing the terrible roaring of he approaching cyclone, let himself down into a well in the center of the He no sooner had found his store. of safety than the store was demolished. Later he was drawn out un-

# STEEL TRUST LOSES \$3,000,000.

# Entire Product of Shelby Tube Company

Shelby, Ohio (Special).-The United States Steel Corporation sustained an enormous loss by fire at the plant of the Shelby Steel Tube Company. The fire started in one of the smaller stock rooms from a defective electric wire, and spread to the larger stock rooms completely destroying all of them. The product of the entire plant for the past six months was destroyed within an hour, consisting of 800,000 tons, making in all 25,000,000 feet of finished product and valued at

work of various kinds. confined to the stock buildings, which

were built at an expense of \$100,000. The tubing manufactured by the Saelby plant was used extensively by the government for boiler flues in United States war vessels. The demand of the government alone is sufficient to keep good sized plant running continuously he year round. The United States government has been the best customer of the local plant. The plant was erected in 1890 and has made gigantic strides

Attorney General Baudoin is favorable of six years, beginning March 4, 1905. Joubtedly will be in favor of Drevius

## MRS. BECHTEL ACQUITTED.

Mother of Murdered Girl Freed By Allentowa

Allentown, Pa. (Special).-Mrs. Catherine Bechtel, the aged mother of Mabel Bechtel, who was found murdered last October, was acquitted of being an ac-

essory to the crime. Her trial occupied nine days and the jury deliberated an hour before rendering the verdict. The gray-haired woman received the news of her acquittal with tears and expressions of joy. She was immediately released from custody and went to her home, accompanied by her sons and daughters.

Martha, her youngest daughter, and her sons, John and Charles, are under indictment on a similar charge, but their trials have been postponed until the April term of court.

## \$80,000.

#### Express Safe is Taken From Sunset Limited.

San Luis Obispo, Cal. (Special) .-Southern Pacific train No. 9, which left San Luis Obispo at 10.40 P. M. for San Francisco, was robbed of the express safe on Questa grade, about six miles

northeast of this city. Messenger Sullivan, in charge of the express car, had occasion to leave the car west of tunnel No. 6, and when he returned hearfound the door burst open and the safe gone. The safe is ad to have contained about \$80,000. Officers from this city as soon as notified went to the scene to search for the robbers.

San Francisco. —At the offices of Wells-Fargo & Co., in this city, little information regarding the robbery was obtained. It was admitted that the safe of Messenger T. Sullivan had been taken during his temporary absence from the car, but regarding the details of the affair, the officials of the Company were reticent. The report that the amount taken aggregated about \$80,000 was denied and the statement made that the contents of the purloined safe were of little value. No definite figures, lowever, were given.

Salina, Cal.—The Sunset Limited train on the Southern Pacific, which left San Francisco at 6 o'clock P. M., was held up by robbers between Paso Robles and San Ardo. The engineer, so the report says, pulled up at the sight of a red light displayed as a danger signal, when the trainmen were overpowered and the robbers forced an entrance into the express and mail cars. It is said that they looted a number of mail bags.

#### GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN DEAD.

#### Eccentric Genius and Philosopher Succumbs .. fp Attack of Heart D.sease.

New York (Special) .- George Francis Train died from heart disease, at Mills Hotel No. 1, where he has lived for some years. Heart disease, from which he died, followed an attack of acute nephritis.

George Francis Train was born in Boston, March 24, 1829. In 1833 his father, mother and three sisters died of yellow fever in New Orleans. 1842 he was in college in Cambridge, Mass. He was married October 5. 1851. In 1853 he established the house of George Francis Train & Co., shippers. in Melbourne, Australia, and during the same year declined the presidency of the Australian republic. In 18:0-61 he devoted himself to the introduction of street railways in London, but, not succeeding in this, returned to America in 1862 and became noted as public speaker. Many of his speeches have been published, and he has also written various works, among others "An American Merchant in Europe," "Asia and Australia," "Young America in Wall Street," "Spread-

eagleism. In 1862 Train was assaulted in Boston. Dayton and elsewhere on account of his utterances, and an attempt was

#### also made to assassinate him at Alton, SUICIDE FEARED HIS CREDITORS.

"I Won't Have to Meet Them Now" Said Harry S. Twambley. Biddeford, Me. (Special). - Rather han face his creditors, Harry 'S. Twambley, a well known jeweler of this

ity, ended his life by taking syanide f potassium. A week ago his firm assigned. Mr. I wambley, who with his brother-in-law, Prentiss a Freeman, remained at the store late, learned by a telephone message at midnight that a committee representing his creditors, proposed to call

on him Thursday. Mr. Twambley, on the pretext of getting a drink of water, wert to the sinkroom and procured a solution of cyanide of potassium and, returning, drank it in the presence of Freeman. With the exclamation, "I won't have

#### WANT THE MAYOR REMOVED. Americans in Isle of Pines to Petition Pres-

to meet them now." he fell dead.

#### ident Roosevelt. Havana (Special). - United States Consul Steinhart, having declined to interfere in the grievances which the American residents of the Isle of Pines have against Mayor Sanchez, of Nueva

Corona, in connection with the arrest

and imprisonment of Morgan Pearcy,

the son of a prominent American, a pe-

titien to President Roosevelt is being prepared for the signatures of the Americans. SPARKS FROM THE WIRES. It is announced that the Japanese government will not accept the mediation

old son and a pet dog at Oswald, a village in New Jersey.
The Iroquois Memorial Association will offer the site of the Iroquois Theater for the erection of a memorial to

Mrs. Arthur Oswald, in a fit of mur-

derous insanity, beheaded her five-year-

of any foreign power.

the victims of the fire. Trains and trolley lines are held up by snow blockades in Northern New

# THE OLD DOMINION.

Latest News Gleaned From All Over the State.

Mr. Robert M. Blankenship, superin-tendent of the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works, Richmond, was crushed to death while inspecting one of the mills Mr. Blankenship met death by falling into the fore bay and being drawn into the huge water-power wheel. His skull was crushed and one hand torn off, Mr. Blankenship was a son of Robert E. Blankenship, formerly head of the iron works and president of the Cham-ber of Commonce. ber of Commerce. The father was run over and killed by a train in the Southern Railway yards a number of years ago. His son had long filled the position of superintendent of the Old Dominion plant and was prominent in business affairs.

John Kaber killed James Price at the Thrasher double tracking railroad camp near Culpeper by striking him over the head with a piece of iron. Both are ne-groes and the murder was the result of a gambling game, in which they, with a number of other negroes, had participated. Kaber accused Price of cheating him out of 15 cents during the playing of the game of crap, and seizing the bar of iron, he crushed in Price's skull. Price lived but a few moments after being struck. Kaber has up to this time made good his escape, but a posse has started in pursuit of him.

The Talley Dry Goods Company, of Petersburg, made a deed of assignment to Richard D. Gilliam, trustee. The amount of assets and liabilities is not given. The deed provides first for the payment of expenses of trust and then for the payment of taxes that may be owing, rent, wages to clerks and then all debts pro rata and without priority or preferences.

A number of stock cattle which are being wintered on the Marlborough farm, on the Potomac river, in Stafford county, were found dead, having perished for the want of water, the river and all other sources of supply having been frozen for weeks.

Braxter & Young of Baltimore, have been awarded a contract for furnishing additional benches at the Alexandria Gas Works. W. B. Brown, of Fries, Grayson coun-

ty, his son and two daughters are dead and his wife lies dangerously ill because of the indulgence of the husband and father in strong drink, it is asserted. His eldest daughter was ill with fever and Brown went to procure liquor for her, it is said, but was unable to resist drinking it himself. The first tragedy occurred when, wildly intoxicated, Brown, it is alleged, attacked his son with a knife. The tragedy drove his well daughter insane and she soon died Her sister lived but a little longer. Then Brown and his wife were taken ill and the former died. Mrs. Brown now lies

at the point of death.

In the Hustings Court at Roanoke Fannie Hodges was sent to the State Penitentiary for 15 months and Mary Foutz was given four months and Mary Foutz was given four months in jail as accessory, both pleading guilty to the charge of robbing Iiiram Jones, of Craig county, of money and certificates of deposit amounting to he was here a month ago. It is said that \$300 in casa was taken. The certificates, aggregating \$6,000, and some valuable bonds were burned.

Mr. Charles Gill, of Stafford county,

has sold the mineral rights on his farm, near Garrisonville, to the Pyrites Company for \$1,200. This company has spent \$50,000 in developing the pyrites veins in that section. Smallpox is reported in the camp of railroad employes engaged in double-tracking the Richmond, Fredericksburg

and Potomac Railroad near Chappawam-The canning business was overdone in the Northern Neck last season, and it is thought there will not be so many canneries in operation this season. The factories also did a poor business and the oyster-shucking houses have had

an unprofitable winter. It is stated in Richmond that as a result of the present situation at Columbian University, Washington, Mr. J. J. Darlington, of Washington, and Mr. Lugene Levering, of Baltimore, have resigned from the board of trustees. The chief cause of the trouble, it is reported, is the belief on the part of some that the university authorities seek to turn the institution over to the Government in order to secure more money for its support. Local Baptists are greatly interested in developments at

A serious wreck occurred on the Norfolk and Western Railroad near Mondel, 15 miles south of Hagerstown. train No. 6, a double-header, southbound, was derailed and several cars demolisned. It is reported one trainman was seriously hurt and a physician from Sharpsburg was summoned to the scene of the wreck. Willie, Everett and Dell Evans, the

Columbian.

three negroes who, it is charged, as-sailed Mrs. J. W. Thomas at her home, near Courtland, were indicted by a special grand jury in Southampton county Their trials will be had as quickly as practicable. The negroes attacked Mrs homas, it is alleged, and beat her with At the annual meeting of the Lynch-

burg Cotton Mill Company held at Lynchburg the president, Max Guggenheimer, Jr., resigned and Herbert Moorman was made h's successor. A. O'Brien was made first vice-president, J. M. Shafer second vice-president and H. L. Campbell secretary and treasurer.
At Wytheville, Judge Fulton sentenced
Chesley Peoples to be hanged March 25
for the murder of John Seagle last December

At Blackstone a banquet was given by the Tobacco Board of Trade, at which the speakers were Mr. Samuel Hurt, Mr. J. M. Hurt, Capt. J. M. Harris, Mr. Irby Moncure, Mr. W. A. William Elliott, one of the oldest ne-

groes in Portsmouth, died Sunday night. He was over 85 years of age and had been janitor of the Court Street Baptist Church (white) for 49 years. Mr. Joseph Curtis, of Petersburg slipped on the ice, and was found about midnight by a pedestrian unconscious

He was found to be suffering from concussion of the brain. Aaron Marx, a butcher of Norfolk, has caused the arrest of Louis Was

serman, another wealthy butcher, and two negro employes on the charge that they have been stealing meat from him

AN ALABAMA TOWN IS WRECKED.

the Middle of the Night the Storm Sweeps Through Moundsville-People Crushed to Death in the Ruins of Their Homes-Depot and Hotel Destroyed-Freight Cars Blown From the Tracks.

store was destroyed. The cyclone struck the town from

the southwest. Its path was a quarter of a mile wide. Following is a list of the white per-

operator at the railroad station only

The negro dead are:

Isaac Holstein, wife and three chil-

Mrs. R. T. Griffin, arm broken. Lee Griffin, badly bruised. A. B. Griffin, eyes torn out Mr. Farley, blinded.

Mrs. F. T. Gailey, badly lacerated.
A. B. Taylor, leg broken.
Mrs. McCaney, breast crushed. The names of the injured negroes have not yet been obtained.

terror, a father, mother and three children fled from their home to seek refuge, and in their excitement left a 5-year-old boy in bed. In the morning ac was pulled from beneath some timber,

ton gins, 30 homes, the stores occupied by R. W. Griffin, A. W. Wiggins & Son, Domenick, A. D. Griffin and W. P. Phifer, together with their stocks,

section had been visited by a snowstorm. Heavy iron safes were carried away by the storm and the doors torn from their

#### injured.

Destroyed By Fire.

Battered and twisted, the finished product lies in a heap and is almost a total Tube works officials state that a portion can be worked over, but it will require the entire capacity of the plant and will delay the mills on other orders. The stock consisted mostly of locomotive boiler flues and other government

#### Favorable to Dreyfus.

to Dreyfus, following the view adopted by the court which recommended a revision of the case. The Attorney General today finished the examination of the case before the Court of Cassaion. The decision of the court, which s not expected for some weeks, un-